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Tug and Barge Transit Plans During Ice Season

1. I anticipate that the 2002-2003 ice season will be severe enough to necessitate communication requirements for tug and barge transits similar to those of previous years. This MSIB serves as advance notice of my policy intentions for operating tugs and barges during severe ice conditions within the Captain of the Port (COTP) Detroit zone.
2. The Coast Guard will again require all tug and barge combinations intending to transit through the Group Detroit area of responsibility (including the U.S. waters in Lake Eric, the Detroit - St. Clair River corridor, lower Lake Huron, and Saginaw Bay) to give notice six or more hours prior to the scheduled dock departure or entrance into the Group Detroit area of responsibility.
3. These same vessels will also be required to file a transit plan with the cognizant U.S. Coast Guard COTP. The transit plan must include detailed information on the tug and barge combination, the master's experience, and voyage plans. A form for submitting this plan (with instructions regarding where to fax it) is enclosed. It may be obtained electronically from the cognizant COTP. Plans submitted for review should demonstrate a high level of confidence that a safe transit through each COTP zone is likely to occur within the confines of the vessel and crew capabilities. A COTP decision to allow the vessel to transit through the zone will be made based on the submission of the faxed tug and barge transit plan.
4. The requirements will remain for vessels to inform Sarnia traffic in advance of their proposed transit and to arrange for ice breaking support.
5. I hope that this MSIB will better allow you to prepare for the coming ice season. When and if conditions require it, a Broadcast Notice to Mariners regarding this issue will be issued by Coast Guard Group Detroit. Mariners should consult that Notice as the latest notice of Coast Guard policy.

Sincerely,

P. G. GERRITY
Commander, U.S. Coast Guard
Captain of the Port Detroit

Tug and Barge Transit Plan 2001-2002 Ice Season

Tug Information

Tug #1			Tug #2		
Name of Tug:			Name of Tug:		
Length:	Horsepower:	SHP	Length:	Horsepower:	SHP
Amount of Fuel Onboard		Gal.	Amount of Fuel Onboard		Gal.
Endurance if beset in ice:		days	Endurance if beset in ice:		days
Food & water onboard to sustain (number)	Crew:		Food & water onboard to sustain (number)	Crew:	
	Days:			Days:	
General ice experience of Captain			General ice experience of Captain		

Barge Information

Name of Barge:		Barge Configuration:	
Cargo(es):		Amount/Weight:	gals/lbs
Success of tug and barge configuration in the past and what ice conditions:			

Prior requests for assistance and conditions in which assistance was required:			

Transit Plan

Depart:			Arrive:		
From:	Date:	Time:	To:	Date:	Time:

Contact Information

Submitted By (Please print):			
24h Phone #:		Fax Number:	
Date:		Time:	

Use additional pages if necessary. Please fax the above information to Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Group Detroit and the cognizant COTP at the below numbers:

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